

HOUND IS KING AT MECKLENBURG

Three Foxes Killed Between 6 o'clock and 9:30 in Morning.

MUSIC BY HUNDRED & THIRTY-FIVE DOGS

Drag Hunt Around the Hotel a Great Success—Governors of Virginia and North Carolina to Attend the Ball Tonight.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)
CHASE CITY, Va., March 23.—Hound is king of Mecklenburg county, and his reign is as popular as that of any monarch who ever pleased a sportsmanlike community of subjects.

Nothing is talked of morning, noon or night but hounds, his good qualities, if the speaker is talking of his own, and his absolute worthlessness if talking of the property of some one else.

Every fox hunter's own hound or pack of hounds is the only truly great lot, and all the rest are worthless objects of commiseration.

From 6 o'clock in the morning, when fox hunters are aroused from their comfortable beds, until after midnight, ardent fox hunting gentlemen button-hole and lead one to the seclusion of some quiet corner and whisper into his ear the pedigree performance and sterling worth of the only hound who has a right to live on this hemisphere.

There is only one side to the fox hound question as far as this county is concerned, and that is that the English hound is a hound, and that the English product is common, worthless and of the cur variety.

Blood on the Moon.

Outwardly this great meet of one hundred and thirty-five fox hounds is a friendly gathering for sportsmen to enjoy the killing of a fox, but as a possible, but in truth it is but an excuse for deadly rivalry, and there is "blood on the moon."

Yesterday Mr. Pettus's small but famous "Davy Crockett" covered himself with glory, but today he and all other hounds went down into the dust before Mr. Overby's pack from Boydton, Va. The first fox killed this morning was run into and pulled down by Mr. Overby's great hound "Broad," and this after the first fox was killed by the pack of the hotel grounds, Mr. Overby's "Loud" led the pack. Both of the Overby hounds are of the famous Broadax strain that is so well known throughout Virginia.

Mrs. Moody, of Prince William county, was the first lady in the death of the first fox killed this morning, and Mr. Overby tied the brush to her horse's head stall. Mrs. Moody remarked in a very sportsmanlike manner that the brush was for her horse, and she was not to be killed by her horse and not to herself. This, however, was not the verdict of those who saw her ride. Miss Edna Wood, of Clarksville, was the first lady in at the death of the second fox, and she tied the brush to her horse's head stall. No lady was in at the death of the third fox.

There was a meeting of all the owners of the fox hounds last night, and the following committee was appointed to hunt the pack of one hundred and thirty-five: Captain Roberts, M. F. H. in chief, assisted by Colonel Hughes and Messrs. Overby, Cooper, Hunt, Pettus, Baptista and Wilkerson. A committee was appointed to keep order in the hunt, and manage the crowd. It consisted of Messrs. Pettus, Bneed, Allen, Poits, Baskerville, Elam and Lewis.

In the Field.

At half-past 4 all fox hunters were called for breakfast, and at 6 o'clock, as the sun was rising, the combined packs, one hundred and thirty-five strong, were untroubled, and seventy-three riders followed them from the Mecklenburg field grounds. It was as beautiful a sight as ever delighted the heart of a fox hunter, and probably as large a meet as ever took place within the confines of the Old Dominion.

Before hounds were cast the field had increased in size until they numbered one hundred and three riders. Hounds were thrown in about half a mile north of the Mecklenburg field grounds, and finding at once, went away like the winds. The run was all too short, for hounds were on edge, and packed in a manner beautiful to behold.

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POINTERS ON THE WEATHER



CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond weather yesterday was clear and moderate. Range of the Thermometer: 41 to 59. Precipitation during past 24 hours: .00.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
Sun rises: 6:09. Moon rises: 10:46. High tide: 1:00. Low tide: 7:00.

FAIRBANKS ON OLD BATTLEFIELD

Visits Guilford Ground and Normal and Industrial School.

ADDRESS TO YOUNG LADIES

The Visitors Get a Rousing Godspeed as They Take Departure.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 23.—Vice-President Fairbanks and party, after spending the forenoon here in charge of a committee of entertainment selected by the Chamber of Commerce, visiting points of local interest and importance, took the Southern Railway's southwest-bound limited train at 1:30 for Washington. Standing on the rear platform of the special car, he bowed his acknowledgments of the huzzahs from a thousand throats that greeted the Southern God-speed on his return journey.

Among the points visited was the Revolutionary battle ground of Guilford Court-house, where Cornwallis made his last stand before Yorktown, and was so crippled by General Greene's army he fell an easy prey to General Washington.

On Battleground.

The Vice-President was much interested and evidently impressed by the well-kept grounds, the buildings and points of the battle lines marked by the presence of thirty-seven monuments to Revolutionary heroes and the course of the two ten thousand dollar monuments to Generals Nash and Davidson by authority of Congress, and the many valued relics and souvenirs of the battle preserved in the museum.

At the State Normal and Industrial College for Women he was cordially greeted by President Melver, and was tendered an informal reception. As the party ascended the platform of the auditorium six hundred young women students gave a welcome air, after which Congressman Dixon, of Montana, a native of North Carolina, introduced the Vice-President, who made a happy speech, the audience rising at its conclusion, singing the national hymn.

He was followed by Commissioner Yorks, whose remarks were brief and heartily applauded, followed by singing "The Old North State."

Fairbanks, speaking to the young ladies and the faculty said in part and substance, that he had the pleasure of visiting the statesmen of North Carolina last night (the early part of last night); he didn't undertake to stay with them until they went home, but he had the pleasure of visiting the Guilford battle ground, the heroic field where American patriotism and American valor was so splendidly illustrated.

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ROSSER TO BE MARSHAL FOR WESTERN DISTRICT

Republicans Resent Interference of John S. Wise, Who Has Finger in Pie Again.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The interference of John S. Wise, formerly of Virginia, but for some years a resident in New York, in the political affairs of Virginia, especially in matters of appointments to Federal offices, is much resented by Republicans of the State, who do not hesitate to declare that his course is unjustifiable and improper. One of the most prominent men in the Republican party in Virginia expressed himself in this way on the subject today. Captain Wise was at the White House today. When he came away it was announced that General Rosser, who, somewhat against his will, was recently appointed to the postmaster's office of Charlottesville, would very probably succeed him. Captain Wise is not known in the Western District of Virginia, it is not known whether he is a Republican or a Democrat, but it is suspected.

Some mention has been made of Captain Wise's name in connection with the United States senatorship to succeed Senator Marshall in case the Legislature should re-publican. This talk is not taken seriously.

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JIMINEZ CALLS REBELS TO ARMS

Dominican Government Taking Precautions For Her Defence.

BELGIAN MINISTER WANTS SETTLEMENT

President Roosevelt Still at Work on Treaty and Hopes to Hold Off Europeans Until Congress Meets Again. Trouble in Guatemala.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN DOMINGO, REPUBLIC OF SAN DOMINGO, March 23.—It is rumored that at a meeting of the Jimenez party, it was resolved to telegraph to the followers of the former aspirant to the presidency at Monte Cristi to prepare for a struggle. The government is taking precautions to meet coming events. The situation, although at present quiet, is critical.

The Belgian minister here has filed a strong protest against delay in the settlement of his government's financial claims and a demand for prompt action by Santo Domingo in the matter. The minister will leave here to-morrow for Havana.

Working on Treaty.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The State Department officials have by no means abandoned hope for the San Domingo treaty and Secretary Taft and Acting Secretary Adee have been in conference and in communication with Senator Chalmers, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, respecting the procurement of information and the collation of facts and figures, which it is expected will go far toward removing any doubt as to the merits of the treaty that may linger in the minds of senators when the Senate again reassembles.

Professors J. H. Hollander, one-time Secretary of the Treasury of Porto Rico, has been selected by the President to go to San Domingo to make a thorough study of the financial conditions and report to him personally before Congress meets again, and Secretary Taft to-day conferred with Captain Pillsbury relative to sending him to San Domingo on a naval vessel.

It is hoped that when the other creditor powers become fully aware of the intention of the Executive to press the treaty at the next session of the Senate, they may be disposed to refrain from forcing the issue now.

Trouble in Guatemala.

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, MEX., March 23.—A coasting vessel arriving recently at a lower California port reports having seen many empty Mauser rifle cases floating on the water. It is believed that rifles taken from these cases have been furnished to the forces which are said to be planning an invasion of Guatemala. It is asserted that another war in Guatemala is probable. Guatemala rebels in the guise of laborers. It is said, are congregating at various points along the Guatemalan frontiers. The government of Salvador also is reported in readiness to aid the rebels as soon as a revolution shall be launched.

KILLED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW; GOES TO PRISON FOR LIFE

(By Associated Press.)

FAYETTEVILLE, GA., March 23.—Colonel Stephen D. Renfroe, a lawyer about seventy-seven years old, was convicted this afternoon of the murder of his daughter-in-law. The jury recommended him to the mercy of the court. He was sentenced to serve the remainder of his life in the State penitentiary. Renfroe quarreled with his daughter-in-law over a cabbage patch, the quarrel ending in his shooting her to death with a shotgun. He claimed self-defense. Renfroe was tried and during the greater part of the trial reclined on an improvised couch in the court-room. The case will probably go to the Supreme Court.

YOUNG M'ALPINE WILL BE PROMOTED

Examined on Wednesday and Qualified—Will be Lieutenant-Commander.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Lieutenant Kenneth McAlpine has been appointed a lieutenant in the navy to date from March 3, 1905, in accordance with the provisions of a special act of Congress. Lieutenant McAlpine is a native of Virginia, and entered the engineering department of the navy in September, 1877. He reached the rank of lieutenant in March, 1899. While attached to the battleship Texas in July, 1903, he was examined for promotion, and was reported disqualified by the examining board. Based on that report, he was discharged from the navy, with one year's pay.

Under the act of Congress he was restored to the place he held at the time of his discharge, which action placed him at the head of the list of lieutenants and because of the existence of a vacancy in the list of lieutenant-commanders, he has been promoted to the higher grade. He was examined for promotion yesterday, and it is understood that he qualified.

ALUMNI RALLY TO DR. ALDERMAN

A Brilliant Company Greets University President.

ELEGANT BANQUET AT COMMONWEALTH

Addresses of Unusual Force Delivered by Governor, Dr. Stuart McGuire, Professor Abbot, President Alderman, and Others—Occasion Greatly Enjoyed.

For the second time the University of Virginia Alumni have had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. E. A. Alderman as their guest at their annual banquet.

In 1903 Dr. Alderman, Dr. Walter H. Page, Mr. Joseph Bryan and Hon. Eppa Hunton spoke at the most successful banquet which the alumni had ever given. Last evening Dr. Alderman, Governor Montague, Mr. W. R. Abbot and Dr. Stuart McGuire made an array of speakers that fully equaled, if they did not eclipse, the memory of 1903. Certainly, the annual reunion of the Richmond Chapter left nothing to be desired, and so no comparison need be made.

The dinner was beautifully served in the Commonwealth Club, and by 5 o'clock a number of guests had arrived, and were busily engaged in welcoming Dr. Alderman. At 8:30 the dinner was announced, and not a vacant seat was left. In all, ninety-one were at table, the only guest who was not an alumni being Mayor Carlton McCarthy. The tables were prettily decorated, each plate having a boutonniere of violets and jonquills, being the nearest floral approach to the University colors. At each plate was a souvenir menu card, in four sheets, tied with the college colors. The outside sheet stated that the dinner was given in honor of Dr. Alderman, the first president. These were the other three:

The Food.
Grape Fruit.
Clear Green Turtle Soup.
Broiled James River Shad.
Saddle of Roast Lamb, Mint Sauce.
Green Peas.
Broiled Squab on Toast.
Fresh Stewed Mushrooms.
Hot Asparagus, Cream Sauce.
Hot House Lettuce and Tomatoes, French Dressing.
Individual Ice Cream, Small Cakes.
Caramel and Roquefort Cheese.
Gooseberry Jelly.
Bent's Biscuits.

The Drinks.
Haut Sauterne.
Bordeaux.
Bouquet Brut.
Whiskey.
Black and White Scotch.
Fuehrer Beer (Serving 1905).

The Talk.
Toastmaster, Murray M. McGuire.
University ideals in Public Life, Governor A. J. Montague. "Clothing the palatable and the familiar, with golden exhortations of the day."
The Alumni, Dr. Stuart McGuire.

"There's a beggary in the love that can be reckoned."
The Old Regime, Mr. W. R. Abbot. "But thy eternal summer shall not fade."
The University of Virginia, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman. "There's a student let me sit and hold high converse with the mighty dead."

Governor First Speaker.

When coffee was reached Mr. McGuire called for silence and introduced Governor Montague in a felicitous and graceful manner. "Whether the fate of the alumni leads to public or private life, he will carry the impress of his early teachings in the honor system," said Mr. McGuire, "and I have the honor to introduce to you a distinguished exemplar of the best traditions of the University and one who has kept those ideas unsullied in the stress of public life."
Governor Montague, in response, said in part:

"It has been said 'If America is right, Jefferson was right,' and to me it seems that we might say in the Greek philosophy, which Mr. Jefferson so loved that all governments were legitimate or not as they served or failed to serve the best ends of the government."
Continuing, Governor Montague said: "The genius of citizenship is sacrifice, and the highest type of citizen is he who is willing to forego his personal benefit that the greater mass of his fellows may be advanced. The question before us now is whether the truest citizenship can be developed under a government which some times seems unable to cope with organization created under its law. The best government is self-government. It is not the fault of our system, but ourselves if we fail to control our own energies. Our best government is the spontaneous obedience to law which is spontaneously given by good citizens."

The greatest criticism that occurs to me of our government is the lack of interest taken in it by the citizens upon whose welfare it rests. Freedom means an opportunity to do service, and the courage to do it, no matter what comes."
The Governor's manner and earnestness aroused great enthusiasm, and he

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CHAMBERLAIN BEGINS OPEN WAR ON PREMIER

Approves Selection of Protectionist Candidate to Control Lord Hugh Cecil's Seat.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 23.—Open war has been declared between Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour over the fiscal question. Despite the attitude of Mr. Balfour and the government in refusing to sanction an effort to compel Lord Hugh Cecil to resign the parliamentary seat for Greenwich, Mr. Chamberlain has written a letter claiming that he has a majority of the Unionists with him and approving of the selection of a Protectionist candidate to contest Lord Hugh Cecil's seat in the next general election.

BREAK BOTTLE OF OIL OVER KANSAS BATTLESHIP

(By Associated Press.)

TOPEKA, KAN., March 23.—The battleship Kansas will probably be christened by breaking a bottle of Kansas crude oil over its prow in the place of a bottle of champagne, as is the usual custom. This is the idea of Governor Hoch, as expressed by him to-day in a conversation with A. D. Eddy, general counsel for the Standard Oil Company.



PRESIDENT EDWIN ANDERSON ALDERMAN.
Guest of Honor at Banquet of University Alumni Last Night.

PEOPLE MUST PASS ON MARYLAND LAW

Court Directs Mandamus to Issue Against Governor Compelling Him to Act.

ELIMINATE NEGRO SUFFRAGE

Amendment Contains "Grandfather Clause" and Provides Educational Qualification.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., March 23.—The Court of Appeals of Maryland in a decision to which five of the eight judges assented and the other three dissented in part, to-day affirmed an order of the lower court directing a mandamus to issue against Governor Edwin Warfield to compel him to submit to the voters of the State at the next general election a proposed constitutional amendment designed to accomplish practical elimination of negro suffrage in this State.

The proposed amendment was passed by the last Legislature which was Democratic, but Governor Warfield, also a Democrat, opposed some of its features and withheld his approval. The court to-day decided that his approval was unnecessary. Three of the eight judges, however, held that the portion of the written instrument providing the machinery for the submission of the proposed amendment was imperative without the executive's approval.

The whole fight over the amendment forms an interesting chapter in American political history, accentuated by the fact that Maryland is the most northern of the States that has attempted to eliminate the negro as a political factor. The proposed amendment provides property and educational qualifications, and the "grandfather clause," excepting those from the operations of the bill whose ancestors could vote by law prior to the adoption of the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments. This it is hoped to disfranchise the majority of the negro voters of the State, but retain on the voting lists all the whites.

Washington at White House.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Booker T. Washington was in conference with the President at the White House for a short time to-night.

NOTORIOUS ROBBER BREAKS PRISON BARS

Albert F. Bell Makes Successful Dash for Liberty on McNeill's Island.

(By Associated Press.)

TACOMA, WASH., March 23.—Albert F. Bell, one of the most notorious mail pouch robbers in the United States, has made a successful dash for liberty at the United States prison on McNeill's Island, and escaped into the heavy woods near the prison. Bell covered his tracks so thoroughly that all trace of him was lost soon after entering the timber, and a general alarm was turned in at the prison, guards being sent out to scour the woods and guard all avenues of escape from the island. The bloodhounds at the prison were immediately pressed into service. Bell is wanted in many cities in the United States, and was arrested here last April for stealing a mail pouch at Seattle and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. He made a most daring escape from Federal officers two years ago by jumping from a passenger train while being taken from Denver to Philadelphia on a charge of stealing mail pouches.

ABANDON HARBIN AND VLADIVOSTOK AND TURN WEST

Russians May Be Driven Into Siberia Says St. Petersburg.

OUTLOOK FOR PEACE GROWS BRIGHTER

Desperate Straits in Which Army Is Placed Believed to be Influencing Emperor.

JAPANESE BEGIN WIDE FLANKING MOVEMENT

Strategic Weakness of Linvitch's Position Causes Much Concern in Russian Capital—Oyama Pressing Pursuit in All Directions.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—It is announced here that all the women have been ordered to leave Vladivostok.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—1:45 A. M.—The possibility that if the Russian army should be unable to hold the lower line of the Sungari River at Chunchiatu it may be compelled to retreat not only to Harbin, but also further westward along the railroad, abandoning to the Japanese Northern Manchuria and the Russian maritime Amur provinces as well, is the latest startling news from the front.

The strategic weakness of General Linvitch's position as he falls back northward, is made clear by a Canshu dispatch to the Associated Press, in which it is pointed out that unless Chunchiatu and the Sungari lines, a scant hundred miles below Harbin, can be held, it will be difficult to maintain a position farther back before Harbin, where, with the front of the army paralleling the railroad, the practicability of a turning movement to completely sever communications and isolate the army 6,000 miles from home is too serious for Russian consideration.

That such a dispatch should have been permitted to pass the censor at the front is significant; and if General Linvitch has communicated a similar estimate of the situation to Emperor Nicholas, it may account for His Majesty's increased disposition to listen to peace counsels and open negotiations before the Japanese establish themselves on Russian soil. It can now be definitely stated that the decision to appoint Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholas to the supreme command in the Far East was made because the outlook at the front does not warrant the risk of compromising the prestige of a member of the Imperial family.

By the general staff the view that General Linvitch may be compelled to abandon Harbin and retreat into Lake Balkal, leaving Vladivostok to its fate, is regarded as unwarranted by anything that is officially known there, it being pointed out that Field Marshal Oyama must have a long and laborious task to bring up an army of 200,000 or 400,000 men. Meanwhile Russian reinforcements are arriving at Harbin at the rate of 1,200 men per day. Nevertheless, it is significant that there is now a well marked peace party at the war office.

MAY ABANDON HARBIN.

Russian Army May Be Forced to Retire Into Siberia—Possible Isolation of Vladivostok.

(By Associated Press.)

GUN-SHU-PASS (108 Miles North of The Pass), March 23.—The Japanese are following the Russian rear guard, which is moving north from Santoupi at the rate of eight and a half miles a day. On both flanks the Japanese are operating a wide turning movement, but the strength of the flanking forces has not been definitely stated. A number of places along the railroad between Santoupi and Gun-Shu-Pass, there are broken hills, with steep sides and gorges at the bottom, where stubborn resistance might be made, but it is doubtful whether General Linvitch will make a stand before he reaches the Sungari River and Chunchiatu. Unless he is able to hold the line of the river, the Russian position will be so weak strategically that he may be compelled to retire back of Harbin into Siberia, owing to the fact that as they approach Harbin the Russian front parallels the railroad, rendering the danger of a severance of the sole line of communication constantly greater.

The prospect of the isolation of Vladivostok must also be met, and it is urgently necessary to supply the garrison with provisions and ammunition, but for a few months, but for two years.

Two hundred thousand reinforcements from Russia are now necessary to make it possible for the Russians to meet the Japanese on anything like even terms.

General Linvitch, the new commander-in-chief of the army, to-day received the members of his staff.

Reports persist of Japanese turning movements on both flanks of the Russian army. Chinese state that the Japanese have recruited many Chinghai Indians, and probably they are able to count a superiority in cavalry as well as infantry.

JAPS ENTER CHANG TU.

Russians, in Disorder, Continue Retreat Toward the Northeast.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKYO, March 23.—Night—Official reports from imperial army headquarters say: "Our detachment pursuing the